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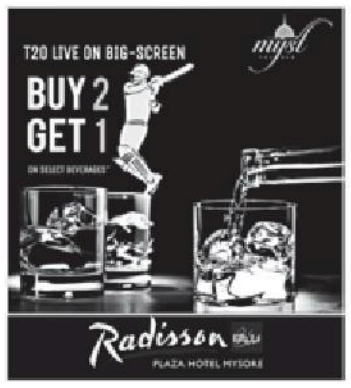

City gets India's first Sandalwood Museum

- **CM Yediyurappa likely to inaugurate after Nov. 25**
- **District Minister suggests to set up Museum at Mysore Palace premises**

Mysuru, Nov. 9 (MTY&KS)- District Minister S.T. Somashekar inspected the country's first Sandalwood Museum, being established at the Sandalwood Depot in Aranya Bhavan premises at Ashokapuram this morning.

Deputy Conservator of Forests (DCF) Dr. K.C. Prashanth Kumar said the Museum is being set up by the Regional Forest Department in an area of 17 mts x 8 mts (55.77ft x 26.24ft) at a cost of Rs. 18 lakh in Aranya Bhavan. 80 percent of work has been completed and the Museum is likely to be inaugurated by Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa soon.

He further said that apart from the Museum, a separate room and an auditorium with a projector and seating arrangements is constructed for visitors, who could learn more about sandalwood cultivation and also have first-hand information about it through interviews of successful sandalwood growers which would be screened. Audio information pertaining to sandalwood would also be provided to the visitors, he added.

Continuing, DCF Dr. Prashanth Kumar said the Museum will display Sandalwood classification, types of sandalwood, billets and dust of sandalwood, posters containing information pertaining to sandalwood growing and prevention of diseases and added that a 3D model of sandalwood sculpture would also be displayed at this Museum.

(See MUSEUM on page 7)

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Mysuru COVID-19 UPDATE

Figures as per Government Media Bulletin released last evening

Positive cases yesterday	:	135
Total positive cases	:	48,755
Discharges yesterday	:	69
Total discharges	:	46,712
Deaths yesterday	:	2
Total deaths	:	974
Total active cases	:	1,069

Jewel thieves held

Valuables worth Rs. 75 lakh recovered

Mysuru, Nov. 9 (KS)- The City Crime Branch (CCB) Police have arrested two notorious house burglars and have recovered 1.439 kg gold ornaments worth Rs. 75 lakh from them.

Following reports of increasing house burglaries in and around city, City Police Commissioner Dr. Chandragupta had formed a special team led by CCB Assistant Commissioner of Police (ACP) V. Mariyappa comprising Inspector R. Jagadish and staff to trace the accused and arrest them.

On Nov. 1, the CCB Police team found two persons moving near a jewellery shop on Ashoka Road in a suspicious manner and took them into custody. Upon searching their baggage, the Police found gold ornaments and as they failed to provide documents and give satisfactory reply, they were arrested.

The arrested are 38-year-old Lingaraju, a resident of RMC Yard on Nelamangala Bypass Road at Kunigal in Tumakuru district and 40-year-old Syed Nawab, a resident of Panchakshari Nagar in Hubballi. It may be recalled *SOM* had published a news item titled 'Beware of burglars who steal through windows' on Nov. 9, 2018.

(See THIEVES on page 6)

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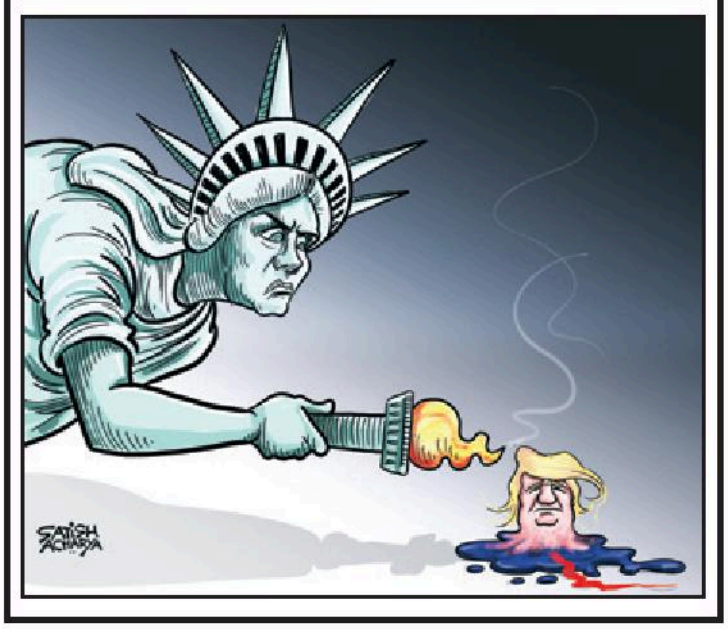
By Satish Acharya



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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

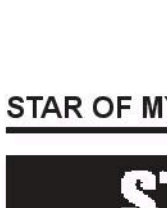
Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Monday 9th November 2020

Ph.D awardees

Mysuru, Nov. 9- The University of Mysore (UoM) has awarded Ph.D in Computer Science to **Pedakolmi Venkateswarlu** for his thesis 'Spectral Domain Characterisation of Genome Sequences' submitted under the guidance of Dr. E.G. Rajan.

Visvesvaraya Technological University (VTU), Belagavi, has awarded Ph.D in Electrical and Electronics Engineering to **N. Jagadisha** for his thesis 'Electrical Discharge Plasma Based Techniques for Abatement of Volatile Organic Compounds and Industrial Pollutants' submitted under the guidance of Dr. A.D. Srinivasan.



P. Kiran Kumar has been awarded Ph.D in Chemistry by VTU for his thesis 'Synthesis and Characterisation of Metal Oxide Nanoparticles as Antifungal and Antibacterial Agents' [Guide: Dr. N.D. Dinesh].

K.V. Madhusudhan has been awarded Ph.D in Mathematics by VTU for his thesis 'An Expedition to New Frontiers of Signed Graphs and Related Topics' [Guide: Dr. K.R. Rajanna].

K.V. Sudheesh has been awarded Ph.D in Electrical and Electronics and Communication Engineering by the VTU for his thesis 'Some Techniques for Abnormality Detection in Biomedical Images' [Guide: Dr. L. Basavaraj].

B. Jagadeesh has been awarded Ph.D in Electrical and Electronics and Communication Engineering by the VTU, Belagavi for his thesis 'An Approach for Detecting Video Events and Action Recognition' submitted under the guidance of Dr. Chandrashekar M. Patil.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

INDIA AND BIDEN: *While US Democratic Party contender and former Vice-President Joseph Biden still needs to tie up some loose ends for an official seal to his victory, it is clear that New Delhi is now preparing to work with a new US administration. The win is a mixed bag for the Government. On the one hand, Narendra Modi invested considerably in the Trump administration, which included the Houston and Ahmedabad rallies with Trump, that indicated a virtual endorsement for his re-election. The External Affairs Minister's snub to the Democrat-led House Foreign Affairs Committee and the invitation to senior Trump officials, for "2+2" talks just before the US elections, also played into the impression of New Delhi expecting a Trump win. On the other hand, Biden, a long-time supporter of the US-India relationship, brings to his Presidency both the comfort of his understanding of foreign policy and the promise of future strategic ties. Foreign policy itself may not be his immediate priority, given the US' battle with the Coronavirus pandemic, and the President-elect's goal, which he articulated on Sunday, to "heal" rifts in its polity and "restore the soul of America". However, it is clear that he will make moves to reverse some of the Trump-era policies.*

— In The Hindu

NEWS SPARKLERS

Finland Zoo monkeys prefer traffic noises over nature sounds

Helsinki: Finland Zoo monkeys have shown a preference for traffic noises over jungle nature noises, researchers have found.

A tunnel fitted with sensors was installed in a monkey enclosure at Korkeasaari Zoo in Helsinki to allow the White-Faced Saki monkeys to choose whether they listened to a playlist of traffic noises, nature and falling rain sounds or a choice of either zen music and dance music.

Dr. Ilyena Hirskyj-Douglas, a researcher at Aalto University in Finland, said: "We thought they would enjoy more calming sounds, such as zen music, but actually they triggered the traffic sounds more."

The traffic playlist was the most popular choice among the monkeys, who also groomed themselves or each other and sometimes slept when the sounds was playing - something they did not do for any of the other noises.

Pet parrot saves man from house fire

Brisbane: A man's pet parrot has saved him from a fire that gutted his house. Eric, the green parrot, woke his owner so they could escape. Eric, the green parrot, woke his owner so they could escape before the fire could engulf the house.

The man's house in Brisbane, Australia, was well alight when firefighters arrived just after 2am but Anton Nguyen had escaped without injury.

Nguyen said his pet parrot, named Eric, had woken him up before the smoke detectors raised the alarm. "I heard a bang and Eric - my parrot - he started to yell so I woke up and I smelled a bit of smoke," he told mediapersons adding that he grabbed Eric and his bag and fled after he saw some houses up in flames.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

How much has sugar consumption increased?

During the American revolution, Americans consumed 4 LBS of sugar per year. By 1850, 20 LBS; 1994:120LBS. Today we're approaching 160LBS per year. HMMM... I wonder why diabetes has reached epidemic proportions?

** Health Capsules is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature.*

COVID-19 UPDATE

Mandya

Figures as per Government Media Bulletin released last evening

Positive cases yesterday	:	111
Total positive cases	:	17,498
Total discharges	:	16,508
Total deaths	:	144
Total active cases	:	846

Chamarajanagar

Positive cases yesterday	:	17
Total positive cases	:	6,127
Total discharges	:	5,842
Total deaths	:	114
Total active cases	:	160

Kodagu

Positive cases yesterday	:	40
Total positive cases	:	5,033
Total discharges	:	4,810
Total deaths	:	64
Total active cases	:	159

Hassan

Positive cases yesterday	:	95
Total positive cases	:	25,886
Total discharges	:	24,403
Total deaths	:	377
Total active cases	:	1,106

Really...?

- *A shark's top speed is 70kmh (44mph).*
- *African Grey Parrots have vocabularies of over 200 words.*
- *Ants stretch when they wake up in the morning.*
- *Scorpions glow under ultra violet light.*
- *Giraffes and rats can last longer without water than camels.*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Titanic was sinking.
Santa: *How much the earth is far from here?*
Banta: *1 kilometre.*
Santa jumped into the sea and asked again: *In which direction?*
Banta: *Downwards!*

Today's Currency Rate

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 73.94
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 97.38
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 20.13
1 Euro	= Rs. 87.91

VOICE OF THE READER

Building violations at Dattagalli 3rd Stage

Sir,

Dattagalli 3rd Stage is a new area booming with construction. They are both residential and commercial.

Many of these commercial buildings are coming bang amidst the residential area as these sites face the main road.

Majority of these commercial buildings have no parking facilities. They include choultries too. On days of weddings the area is rammed with vehicles most of them haphazardly and we the residents have difficulty reaching our homes as they block our entrances.

Now vertical buildings too are built, again without parking, no fire exits. What happens when fire erupts? And what about parking?? This is happening all over Dattagalli.

Many buildings that have basement use it for other purposes than parking. Why is the Corporation authorities mum on this issue?

I have been writing to them regularly and also to the Commissioner too. The local Corporation officials do nothing and the higher-ups don't seem to care either.

We the honest tax-paying citizens suffer as they make big money troubling us and the officials also play into their hands by turning a blind eye.

Everytime I complain to MCC authorities, it is the same answer "we will serve notice." Now despite all this, these buildings have completed structures, ready to rent out.

Now who must be held accountable for these misdeeds? Will the MCC Commissioner clarify?

—Vinoda Ramachandra
on e-mail
Dattagalli 3rd Stage
4.11.2020

UGC issues guidelines on re-opening of Universities and Colleges

New Delhi, Nov.9 (Agencies)- The University Grants Commission (UGC) has issued guidelines for the reopening of Universities and Colleges across the nation.

As per the new guidelines, Universities and Colleges outside the containment zone can be opened in a sequential manner after consultation with the respective State and UT Governments.

The guidelines have been vetted by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and approved by the Ministry of Home Affairs and the Ministry of Education.

UGC suggests six-day weeks, smaller class-sizes to enable social distancing. However, teaching hours in a day may be extended, as per the institution's requirements.

The new guidelines have asked the institutions to ensure that "before reopening of any campus, the Central or the concerned State Government must have declared the area safe for reopening of educational institutions. The directions, instructions, guidelines and orders issued by the Central and State Government concerned regarding safety and health in view of COVID-19 must be fully abided by the higher education institutions."

In addition to this, all the institutions must be ready to handle the inflow of students, faculty and staff in the campus. Campuses must comply with monitoring disinfecting measures, safety and health conditions, screening and detecting the infected persons, containment measures to prevent the spread of the virus in the campus.

UGC allows students of all research programmes and Post-Graduate students in Science and Technology to join the institution as the number of students studying at PG level is less. However, it is to be ensured that the norms of physical distancing and preventive measures are followed.

Final year students may also be allowed to join for academic and placement purposes, as per the decision of the head of the institution.

Institutions have to provide online study material and access to e-resources to such students who prefer to study online while staying at home. Institutions are also requested to make online teaching-learning arrangements for international students who could not join the programme due to international travel restrictions or visa-related issues.

Hostel accommodation

"Hostels may be opened only in such cases where it is necessary while strictly observing the safety and health preventive measures. However, the sharing of rooms may not be allowed in hostels. Symptomatic students should not be permitted to stay in the hostels under any circumstances," read the statement.

FASTags mandatory for all four-wheelers from Jan.1

New Delhi, Nov.9- The Union Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has made FASTag mandatory for all types of four-wheelers, with effect from Jan.1, 2021.

FASTag is a device that employs Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) Technology for making toll payments directly from the prepaid account linked to it.

It is affixed on the windscreen of vehicles, enabling them to drive through toll plazas, without stopping for cash transactions.

In an order dated Nov.6, 2020, the Ministry has issued a notification mandating FASTag usage from Jan.1, 2021 also in old vehicles, that is, M and N category of four-wheelers sold before Dec.1, 2017, through amendments in CMVR (Central Motor Vehicle Rules), 1989.

It has been further mandated that a valid FASTag is mandatory while getting a new third party insurance through an amendment in FORM 51 (Certificate of Insurance), wherein the details of FASTag ID will be captured. This shall be applicable with effect from April 1, 2021.

This notification is a major step for ensuring that the payment of fees be 100 percent through electronic means only at Toll Plazas and that the vehicles pass seamlessly through the Toll Plazas. This system ensures that there is no waiting time for vehicles at the Plazas and also would save on fuel.

The Union Ministry of Road Transport and Highways is taking steps for ensuring the availability of FASTag at multiple channels through physical locations and also through online mechanism so that the citizens are able to have them affixed on their vehicles within the next two months.

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NEWS BRIEFS

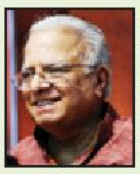
Office shifted

The district office of Karnataka Minorities Development Corporation Ltd. has been shifted to Maulana Azad Bhavan, first floor, next to Shobha Garden, near Bibi Ayesha Hospital, Subhash Nagar, Mysuru-Bengaluru Main Road, Mysuru, on Nov. 5.

Animal adoption continues at Zoo

Following individuals/ institutions have adopted the animals of Mysuru Zoo under 'Adoption of Animals' scheme by paying the adoption fee: Vasanthraj Rajanna, Bengaluru - Great Indian Hornbill (21.11.2020 to 20.11.2021) - Rs. 5,000; M. Yashodhamma, Mysuru - Golden Jackal and Four-horned Antelope (4.11.2020 to 3.11.2021) - Rs. 25,000; M. Nanjundaswamy, Mysuru - White Peacock (4.11.2020 to 3.11.2021) - Rs. 3,500.

Condolence meeting at Ganabharathi



Vidwan T. N. Krishnan

A condolence meeting has been organised at Ganabharthi in Kuvempunagar tomorrow (Nov. 10) at 6 pm to mourn the demise of the great violin maestro *Padma Bhushan* awardee, *Sangeetha Kalanidhi* Vidwan T.N. Krishnan. Senior and veteran musicians of Mysuru will be present in the meeting to pay tribute to the departed soul. Vidwans and Vidushis H.K. Narasimhamurthy, Mysore M. Nagaraj, Mysore M. Manjunath, G.S. Ramanujan, K.P. Upadhyaya, Veena Suresh and one of the organisers C.R. Himamshu (of 8th Cross Ganesha fame) will share their experience and speak about his music. The programme will be live telecast on Ganabharthi Facebook page and YouTube channel, according to Secretary T.S. Venugopal [Mob: 99000-82773].

KRS Water Level

(Maximum : 124.80 feet)

Today	124.19 ft
Yesterday	124.29 ft
Inflow	4,454 cusecs
Outflow	5,862 cusecs

Kabini Level

(Maximum : 2,284.00 feet)

Today	2,279.51 ft
Inflow	578 cusecs
Outflow	1,890 cusecs

Harangi Level

(Maximum : 2,859.00 feet)

Today	2,852.75 ft
Inflow	117 cusecs
Outflow	1,550 cusecs

Citizens Forum demands inauguration of newly formed Ponnampet taluk

Virajpet, Nov. 9- Months after it notified the formation of Ponnampet taluk, carved out of Virajpet taluk in Kodagu district, the Government is yet to inaugurate the newly formed taluk, which has become a cause of worry for the residents of the new taluk.

The State Government had issued an official notification on the formation of Ponnampet taluk on July 3, 2020. But the delay in the inauguration of the new taluk even four months after the notification, has become a cause of concern for the residents, who are waiting for long for the D-day.

The then JD(S)-Congress Coalition Government, headed by H.D. Kumaraswamy, had announced the formation of Ponnampet taluk along with Kaveri taluk (Kushalnagar) in Kodagu district over 20 months ago. But the collapse of the Coalition Government, put the new taluk issue to the backburner.

The BJP Government, which subsequently came to power, took its own time, before issuing the official notification on July 3, 2020. But the undue delay in the inauguration, has forced the residents to once again press the Government for the official inauguration of the new taluk.

The Kiggatnad Senior Citizens Forum, Ponnampet, has written letters to Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha and Prime Minister Narendra Modi calling for their intervention over the issue.

The letters, signed by the Forum President Chekkera K. Sunny Subbaiah and Secretary Katimada A. Jimmy Annaiah, said that Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa, who announced Rs. 50 lakh grant while issuing the notification for the new taluk, released Rs. 25 lakh for the construction of Ponnampet Taluk Office building. But the inauguration of the new taluk has been unduly delayed for no valid reason, which has deeply disappointed thousands of residents, especially the senior citizens and the peasants and workers community.

Maintaining that the aged residents, who are at the fag end of their lives, are anxiously waiting for the inauguration of the new taluk, the letters said that more than anything, it is in the interests of the aged, poor peasants & workers and the disabled that the taluk be inaugurated immediately as this would enable these categories of the society to avail Government services and benefits at their doorstep as is being advocated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, especially during this critical period of COVID-19 pandemic.

Pointing out that senior citizens and the poorer sections of the society are bearing the brunt of the delay in the inauguration of the new taluk, which can be established in the available stone building along with other necessary infrastructure such as furniture, computers etc.,the Forum appealed the PM to ensure that the new Ponnampet taluk is inaugurated without any further delay and thus bring happiness to the residents, especially to the elderly, who have waited for decades to see the historical day.

Congress wins N'gud TAPCMS polls

Nanjangud, Nov. 9- The Congress bagged power in Nanjangud TAPCMS (Taluk Agricultural Produce Co-operative Marketing Society) in the polls held here on Saturday.

The Congress won 12 out of the 13 seats in both A and B category, while the BJP managed just one seat and the group led by former Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa drew a blank.

The Congress emerged victorious in all four seats coming under A category and 7 out of the 8 seats in the B category, while the BJP bagged just one seat.

The winners from A category seats are: G.D. Mahesh of Biligere, K.M. Shivamurthy of Kasuvinahalli, Shivamurthy of K.S. Hundipura and Shivukumar of

Yechagalli, all from the Congress.

The winners from B category seats are: K.G. Mahesh, N.M. Manjunath, H.M. Manjula Madhu, Chinnambballi K. Raju, V.R. Vijayakumar, R. Sarvesh of Nagarle, Sunanda Basavaraju of Chamalapuradahundi, all from Congress and S.M. Kempanna of the BJP, who had earlier served as TAPCMS President.

The polling took place at Government Junior College, following which the counting of votes was taken up later in the evening. Tahsildar K.M. Maheshkumar, who was also the Returning Officer, declared the winners.

Former MLA Kalale Keshavamurthy, Congress leaders Srikanta Nayaka, C.M. Shankar and others were present.

Minister directs to expedite Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Bhavan works

Mysuru, Nov. 9 (PM&DM)- With the construction of the ambitious Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Bhavan in the heart of the city lying in limbo for years, Social Welfare Minister B. Sriramulu directed the officials to expedite the works on the project.

Sriramulu, who held a meeting along with Mysuru District in-Charge Minister S.T. Somashekar at Vikasa Soudha in Bengaluru on Saturday, learnt that the works on the execution of the project was going on at a snail's pace, following which the Ministers asked the officials to complete all the pending works at the earliest and throw it open for the public.

Noting that the Bhavan was coming up following public demand, Sriramulu said that the Bhavan construction works must be expedited and there should be no further delay for whatever reason.

MP Pratap Simha, MLAs G.T. Devegowda, Tanveer Sait, L. Nagendra and B. Harshavardhan, Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) Chairman H.V. Rajeev, Commissioner Dr. D.B. Natesh and other officials attended the meeting.

Kollegal CMC Commissioner suspended for irregularities

Nagashetty

Kollegal, Nov. 9 (Nagendra& DM)- The Directorate of Municipal Administration has suspended Kollegal City Municipal Council (CMC) Commissioner Nagashetty on charges of illegally issuing e-Property (e-Swathu) certificates after splitting a single site into smaller ones by using the Digital Key (password) even after he was transferred from the CMC.

Nagashetty, who was posted as Kollegal CMC Commissioner last year, was transferred by the Government five months ago, following which he handed over charge to an Assistant Executive Engineer (AEE) serving in the Chamarajanagar Deputy Commissioner's Office on the morning of July 6, 2020. But despite having handed over charge, Nagashetty is said to have illegally issued e-Property certificates after splitting a big single piece of land located in Ward No. 18, into smaller ones, in gross violation of rules, by using the Digital Key Password just hours later at about 2 pm the same day and without the knowledge of anyone else.

In the meantime, Nagashetty moved the Court questioning his premature transfer from the post and succeeded in getting a stay on his transfer.

Later, Nagashetty's alleged misdeed came to light, following a probe by the Directorate of Municipal Administration. As the charges against Nagashetty were *prima facie* found to be true, B.B. Cauvery, Director of the Directorate of Municipal Administration, ordered suspension of Nagashetty.

Following the suspension order, Chamarajanagar Deputy Commissioner Dr. M.R. Ravi has ordered immediate relievement of Nagashetty from the post of Kollegal CMC Commissioner and has asked CMC AEE Altaf Ahmed to function as In-charge CMC Commissioner, it is learnt.

Choultry owners threaten to stage dharna in front of Top Cop's Office

Mysuru, Nov.9 - S. R. Mahesh, K.R. Nagar MLA and Honorary President of Mysore Kalyan Mantap Owners Association, has warned of staging a dharna in front of Police Commissioner's office in city if the cops try to intimidate the owners of Kalyan Mantaps by threatening to book criminal case for COVID-19 health protocols.

"The owners are made to sit like sheep under the sun and warned of booking criminal case against them. You can win our hearts through love and not through terrorising," he said venting out his anger at the Police Department.

Addressing a meeting of Mysore Kalyan Mantap Owners Association at Sindhura Convention Hall in Vidyaranyapuram in city on Saturday, he said during lockdown period, the Choultry owners returned money to customers who had booked the hall for marriage and other functions. But now the State Government has imposed all kinds of taxes and forcing them to remit it.

On top of it, they have been threatened of filing criminal case. "Is this the way to deal with us. If you think that Corona Positive cases have increased from the Choultries let them shut all of them without collecting taxes from us. We will also not open our Kalyan Mantaps even for a day. The MCC asks us to pay taxes online but the Police Department has threatened to slap criminal cases," he added.

Former MLA M.K. Somashekar said owners of all Kalyan Mantaps were extending full co-operation to the Police Department in checking the spread of Corona pandemic. But threatening them without creating awareness was totally unacceptable.

Choultry staff had been paid salary even during lockdown period. Opening of Choultries for marriage and other functions had helped in revival of economy. "You have allowed re-opening of temples and thousands of people visit every day. The city witnessed huge traffic jam as thousands came to streets to see illumination. By keeping the eyes shut, you (Police) are threatening to book criminal case. We are not scared of your threat," he fumed.

He wanted to know who will be held responsible if the bride or groom side cancels the wedding after seeing the cops entering the marriage halls to check violation of COVID safety norms.

"Let the Police come and stop the marriage ceremony. We will bring this to the notice of District Minister S.T. Somashekar and seek justice," he stated.

TO MOVE COURT

MCC has imposed Super Commercial Tax on Kalyan Mantaps. This is 30 per cent higher than Commercial Tax. How is it possible to pay lakhs of rupees as Super Commercial Tax when our business has hit the rock bottom. Our appeal to the MCC Commissioner Gurudatta Hegde has not yielded results. So, all members have decided to move Court in this direction.

—K.R. Sathyanarayan, President, Mysore Kalyan Mantap Owners' Association

Girl allegedly murdered, burnt by miscreants

Bettadapura, Nov. 9 (Shivdev& KS)- A girl, aged between 18 and 20 years has been allegedly murdered and her body was set on fire next to Kelluru Harangi Canal bund adjacent to K.R. Nagar-Ravandur Main Road in Periyapatna taluk.

Villagers, who found the body still burning with the upper portion charred on Sunday morning, informed the Police. Police said that, as the villagers found the body still in flames, it is suspected that miscreants may have set the body ablaze between 4 am and 5 am on Sunday. The body, from head to waist has been charred and the pink leggings she was wearing had caught fire. She was also found wearing silver anklets and imitation bangles and earrings, Police added.

Superintendent of Police (SP) C.B. Ryshyanth, Hunsur Dy.SP Sundar Raj, Periyapatna Circle Inspector B.R. Pradeep, Sub-Inspector Tippareddy, Bettadapura Sub-Inspector Panchakshari and Bylakuppe Sub-Inspector Puttaraju visited the spot. A case has been registered at Periyapatna Police Station.

Woman ends life

Mysuru, Nov. 9 (MK&KS)- A 26-year-old woman, depressed over alleged dowry harassment, committed suicide by hanging self at her house in Hebbal on Saturday night.

The deceased woman is Amulya, wife of Anish. A native of Kumbarakoppal, Amulya had married Kerala-based Anish five years ago and were staying in a rented house at Hebbal. Anish had recently gone to Saudi Arabia for work. It is learnt that Amulya and Anish had a wordy duel over the phone on Saturday night and Amulya had told Anish that she would end her life.

Following Amulya's threat of ending her life, Anish immediately called Hebbal Police and informed that his wife had threatened of committing suicide.

Though Hebbal Police rushed to the house, Amulya had committed suicide by hanging self. Meanwhile, Amulya's parents, accusing Anish of dowry harassment, have lodged a complaint.

A case has been registered at Hebbal Police Station.

Task Force submits final report on NEP-2020

S.V. Ranganath

Bengaluru, Nov.9 (SSV)- The Task Force constituted under the Chairmanship of former Chief Secretary S.V. Ranganath on implementation of the much-publicised National Education Policy (NEP-2020) submitted its final report to the State Government on Saturday.

One of the major recommendations has been the establishment of Karnataka Education Council (KEC).

The report was submitted to Deputy Chief Minister Dr. C.N. Ashwathnarayan, who is also the Higher Education Minister and to Primary and Secondary Education Minister S. Suresh Kumar in Vidhana Soudha.

After receiving the report, Dr. Ashwathnarayan told media that "Coordination and alignment across a range of departments, functions, bodies, and entities are essential. To address this, the Task Force has suggested a Karnataka Education Council. The Chief Minister will chair this body, and convene meeting at least twice a year, or as often as is deemed necessary, to review the progress of education in the State in its totality, and to appropriately empower and motivate the KEC as needed through his/her authority. The State Higher Education Minister as well as Secondary Education Minister should be Vice-Chairpersons of the KEC."

The policy will be implemented from the 2021-2022 academic year in a phased manner. Prior to it, deliberations will be held with all the stakeholders based on the new policy which can be implemented within 15 years. However, the State Government has decided to implement it within 10 years, Dr. Ashwathnarayan informed.

The Task Force which was formed on March 4, 2020, has come out with the final report with the assistance of three sub-committees and after several rounds of consultation with the stakeholders.

Arun Shahapura, MLC, M.K. Sridhar, Member of the Task Force, and others were present on the occasion.

Major recommendations of Task Force

- To establish an Implementation Mission with specific targets that are mapped on a quarterly calendar for the next 3 years.
- Public review of implementation in every quarter; constitute an Implementation Task Force (ITF).
- Immediate provision to be made for the 'implementation fund' in SSK (Samagra Shikshana) and Karnataka State Higher Education Council (KSHEC).
- Establish regulatory bodies — the State School Standards Authority (SSSA) and the Karnataka Higher Education Regulatory Council (KHERC).
- New KSU Act for establishing the proposed Higher Education structure.
- Establish Special Education Zones (SEZs) across identified sections within the State.
- Set up gender and disability funds along with other inclusive education measures for students from socio-economically disadvantaged groups (SEDGs).
- Curricular reforms should drive the transformation of the current structure of schooling to 5+3+3+4 (Foundational, Preparatory, Middle and Secondary Stage).
- The Department of State Educational Research and Training (DSERT) will have to revise curriculum — particularly on the Foundational and Preparatory stage and reduce the existing curriculum load.
- Identify successful schools, particularly the KPS and other special schools, and build them into School Complex Centres.
- Strengthen Guru Chetna further and make it the exclusive teacher professional development platform in the State.
- The new HEI governance and regulation structure should be created through appropriate legislation.
- Mentor institutions to be identified and workshops conducted to ensure alignment with Policy principles.
- The Government should enable an adequate number of Type 1: Research-intensive Universities (RIUs) and Type 2: Teaching-intensive Universities (TIUs) by identifying existing Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) in the State.

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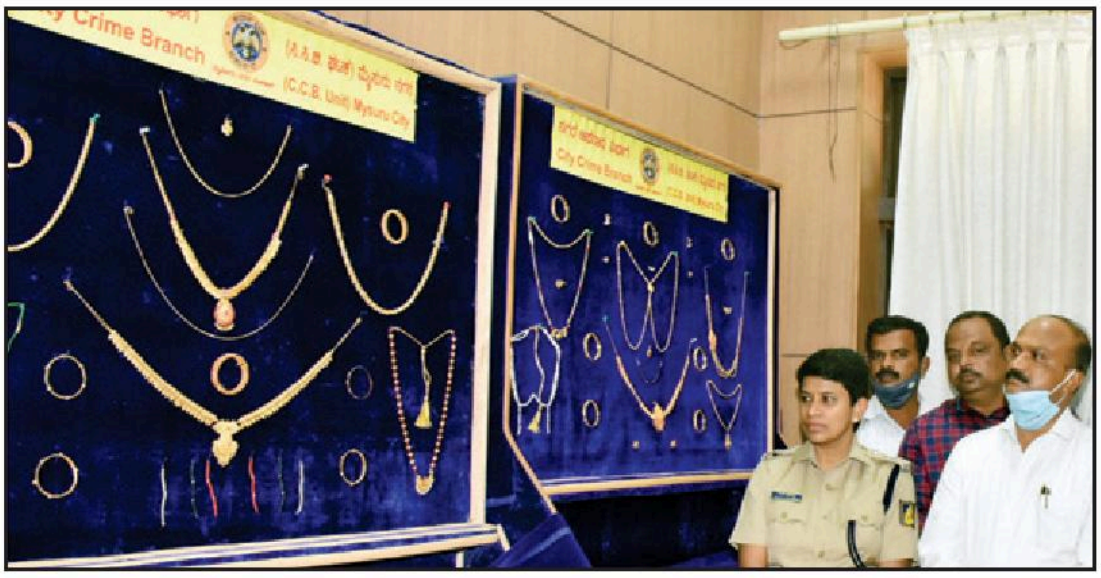
Jewel thieves arrested



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During interrogation, the accused are said to have confessed of breaking into a house at Saraswathipuram 7th Main, 5th Cross in July and had decamped with gold jewellery. The accused have also confessed of robbing a purse containing gold bangles from a house at Bannimantap in November 2018 and a photo of CCTV footage of the burglar was published in *SOM*.

They (accused) told the Police that they had pledged the stolen gold ornaments at Hubbali, Tumakuru, Bengaluru and Mysuru and based on the information provided by them, the Police have recovered 1.439 kg gold. The accused were produced before a Court on Nov. 2 and Police took them into their custody for further investigation.

Accused Syed Nawab and Lingaraju

File photo of CCTV footage.

DCPs Dr. A.N. Prakash Gowda and M.S. Geetha Prasanna and CCB ACP V. Mariyappa supervised CCB Inspector R. Jagadish, Sub-Inspectors U. Umesh, D.G. Chandregowda and Alexander, staff Ramaswamy, Chikkanna, Paramesh, Shivaraju, Lakshmikanth, M.R. Ganesh, Yakub Shariff, Salim Pasha, Srinivas Prasad, Anand, Anil, Chandrashekar, C.M. Manju, Kumar, Rajashree Jalawadi, Goutham and Somu, Technical Cell Inspector T.S. Lolakshi and staff Gurudevaradhya, Shyamsundar and P. Kumar in the nabbing and recovery operation.

JSS AHER Convocation on Nov. 11

Mysuru, Nov. 9- The eleventh Convocation of JSS Academy of Higher Education and Research (JSS AHER) will be held in the premises of Suttur Mutt located at the foot of Chamundi Hill here on Nov. 11 at 11 am.

Addressing a press meet at JSS Pharmacy College, Bannimantap this morning, JSS AHER Vice-Chancellor (VC) Dr. Surinder Singh stated that Health and Medical Education Minister Dr. K. Sudhakar will deliver the Convocation address and give away awards and medals.

Suttur Seer and JSS AHER Chancellor Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji will grace the occasion. JSS Mahavidyapeetha Executive Secretary Dr. C.G. Betsurmath and JSS AHER Pro-Chancellor Dr. B. Suresh will be present on the occasion.

A total of 1,436 students will be conferred with their degrees at the Convocation, at Bachelors, Masters and Doctoral levels in the Faculties of Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmacy, Management Studies, Life Sciences and Biomedical Sciences.

In all, 52 candidates, who share 72 medals and awards have been identified for their academic excellence, 46 candidates will be awarded Ph.D research degrees and five candidates will receive the Medical Super-speciality degree (DM and M.Ch.).

Among the gold medallists, **Preeti Prakash Prabhu** has bagged the highest number of gold medals.

Due to the pandemic, only 100 participants comprising of Ph.D and Medical Super-speciality degree awardees and Gold medal winners will be participating in-person at the venue of the Convocation.

The Convocation ceremony will also be livestreamed on JSS AHER YouTube Channel *[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCJnRq334duQGXu9XTlsK_ng]*, which will also be screened at JSS Pharmacy College, Bannimantap and few other JSS institutions.

JSS AHER Registrar Dr. B. Manjunatha, Controller of Examinations Dr. R. Sudeendra Bhat and Director (Academics) Dr. P.A. Kushalappa were present during the press meet.

Minister inspects Medical College Hostel

Mysuru, Nov. 9 (PM&DM)- Days after *Star of Mysore* published a report titled ***'Rain of Plaster' worries UG Medical Hostelites*** (Nov. 5 - Page 5), on the pathetic condition of rooms at the MMC&RI (Mysore Medical College and Research Institute) Men's Hostel located opposite MUDA on JLB Road, District Minister S.T. Somashekar visited the Hostel premises and inspected the buildings this morning. During the inspection, the Minister received inputs from MMC&RI Dean and Director Dr. C.P. Nanjaraj.

Later speaking to press persons, Somashekar said he learnt of the condition of the hostel rooms and the plight of medical students from media reports and conducted an inspection today. Pointing out that he would take up the issue with Medical Education and Health Minister Dr. K. Sudhakar, he said that he would even discuss the issue with the Chief Minister for releasing funds, as the Hostel needed urgent attention.

Stating that the MMC&RI authorities, taking note of the deteriorating condition of the hostel buildings, had submitted a proposal to the Government in 2017 itself seeking Rs. 7.5 crore funds for the repair and renovation of hostel blocks, Somashekar said that he would now suggest raising the estimate by about 10 to 15 percent on account of cost escalation.

Referring to the delay in the completion of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Bhavan that is coming up in the heart of the city, Somashekar said, this Bhavan is said to be the second biggest Ambedkar Bhavan in the country and it has been decided to seek Rs.18 crore additional funds, which proposal would be placed at the next Cabinet meeting.

He further said that he had discussed expedition of Bhavan works with Social Welfare Minister B. Sriramulu, during which the MP and officials from Mysuru District Administration were also present.

Replying to a question on the change of leadership in the State, which Opposition Leader and former Chief Minister Siddharamaiah has been repeatedly saying, Somashekar dismissed Siddharamaiah's claims as a figment of imagination.

Asserting that there was no question of change of leadership and B.S. Yediyurappa will continue to be the Chief Minister, he said that a cold war was going on between the former CM and KPCC President D.K. Shivakumar and it is the Congress which has to set right its house and not the BJP.

MMC&RI Dean and Director Dr. C.P. Nanjaraj, Principal Dr. K.R. Dakshayini, MLA L. Nagendra, MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev and other officials were present.

Free COVID tests at Malls

Mysuru, Nov. 9 (MTY&DM)- In yet another measure for stopping the spread of the deadly COVID-19 contagion, which has caused havoc across the globe, the District Administration has ordered conduct of RT-PCR tests for free at all Malls in the city from today.

On an experimental basis, the Health Department conducted RT-PCR tests at *Forum Centre City* in Nazarbad and *Mall of Mysore* on M.G. Road on Sunday, during which 450 tests were conducted on staff and willing shoppers at *Mall of Mysore* and 260 tests at *Forum Centre City*. After the conduct of the tests, the samples were sent to laboratories and the results are expected by this evening.

District Health Officer (DHO) Dr. T. Amarnath told *SOM* that starting from today, regular tests will be conducted at all shopping malls in the city for free and it is mandatory for all staff to undergo the test. However, though the test is not compulsory for shoppers, the tests will be conducted on those showing symptoms and others who voluntarily come forward for testing.

Asserting that the test will be conducted free of cost, Dr. Amarnath said that measures have been taken for issuing test reports in a day. Noting that as Malls are usually full of shoppers during weekends, he said that the tests will be ramped up on weekends and added that there will be regular tests on all other week days. He further said that every staff of Malls are required to undergo the test once in a fortnight.

City gets Sandalwood Museum

District Minister S.T. Somashekar went around the Sandalwood Museum at Aranya Bhavan in city this morning. He was accompanied by Forest Department officials and MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev.

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District Minister S.T. Somashekar, speaking after inspecting the Museum, said that the Forest Department officials had informed him about the Sandalwood Museum being established at Aranya Bhavan and had asked him to inspect the same and give suggestions.

The Minister said that though the Sandalwood Museum is coming up well, it could not attract more visitors as it is situated far from city and added that he has suggested the officials to set up the Museum at Mysore Palace premises after obtaining necessary permission as the Museum at Aranya Bhavan is small.

Minister Somashekar said that he would discuss about the setting up of the Museum at Mysore Palace premises with Forest Minister Anand Singh and obtain permission from the State Chief Secretary also.

Pointing out that farmers could now grow Sandalwood and to help them know more about its growing procedures and sell them as there is a huge demand for it, the Sandalwood Museum is being established, the Minister said that there is a need for the protection and publicity of Sandalwood farming.

He further said that Chief Minister B.S. Yeddiyurappa had given his consent to inaugurate the Museum and added that the CM would inaugurate the same after Nov. 25.

The Minister said that as the Forest Department is encouraging Sandalwood farming, it is good to have a Museum which provides information about sandalwood cultivation, types of sandalwood that could be grown and other relevant information to visitors and growers.

Following the suggestion by the District Minister to set up the Museum at Mysore Palace, DCF Dr. Prashanth Kumar said that a proposal in this regard would be sent to the Government soon.

Later, the Minister along with Forest officials and others went around the Sandalwood Depot and conducted an inspection.

Prior to the inspection, Minister Somashekar held a meeting with the Forest Department officials and discussed various topics pertaining to Forest Department including Sandalwood Museum.

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (PCCF) and Project Tiger Director Jagath Ram, Chief Conservator of Forests (CCF) - Mysuru Circle T. Heeralal, Deputy Conservator of Forests (DCF) M.J. Alexander, MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev and others accompanied the Minister during the inspection.

Two Mysureans among four held
at Kempegowda Airport for smuggling gold

Gold worth Rs. 74 lakh seized

Bengaluru, Nov. 9 - In separate cases, four passengers including two from Mysuru were allegedly caught smuggling gold into the Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) here last week and the Air Intelligence Unit (AIU) of the Bengaluru Customs have seized 1,875.75 grams (1.87 kg) of gold worth Rs. 74.46 lakh from them.

On Nov. 1, AIU officials detained two men from Mysuru, who flew into Bengaluru from Bangkok via Kolkata by flight number 6E-076. The officials, who examined baggage found six thin mercury-coated gold rods and four small semi-circular mercury-coated gold rings concealed in plastic boxes.

The gold weighed 751.38 grams and was worth about Rs. 29.99 lakh.

The following day (Nov. 2), the officials intercepted two residents of Thane, Maharashtra, who arrived at the KIA from Muscat via Hyderabad by flight number AI 978. When their body was scanned, the two passengers were found to have concealed gold paste weighing 1,124.37 grams (1.124 kg) worth about Rs. 44.47 lakh in their rectum. When questioned, they claimed that they had picked up the gold left behind in the toilet by someone else during the international leg of the flight. More details awaited.

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	(S-3)	7 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here. **The other multiplexes and single screen theatres are yet to open.**

Power disruption tomorrow

Mysuru, Nov. 9- Owing to emergency maintenance works, power supply will be disrupted tomorrow between 10 am and 5 pm in the following areas: Kuvempunagar M and N Blocks, Aravindanagar, HUDCO houses and surrounding areas, according to a press release from CESC.

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The pathetic condition of the road near Metagalli Railway Gate

The road near Metagalli Railway Gate towards KRS road is filled with potholes of various sizes and shapes which needs immediate attention as this is one of the busy roads where hundreds of vehicles of various types pass on this road. The problem worsens especially during rains as vehicles users, unable to locate the potholes, drive or ride into it causing damage to the vehicles and also injuring themselves. Authorities concerned are urged to take steps to asphalt the road or at least fill the potholes at the earliest for the safety of motorists.

Open manholes posing danger at Devanur 3rd Stage

Most manholes at Devanur 3rd Stage are either damaged or stolen and are posing danger to the residents. Also, weeds and plants have overgrown on roadsides and have become a place for reptiles, rodents and insects. Residents have urged the authorities concerned to take steps to cover the manholes, clear roadside plants and also maintain parks in the locality for the benefit of the residents.

Trade Unions to hold nationwide protest on Nov. 26

AITUC Mysuru Unit General Secretary H.R. Seshadri addressing the Mysuru District-level Labour Conference held at a private hotel in city on Saturday as other dignitaries on the dais look on.

Mysuru, Nov. 9 (PM&SD)- Joint Committee of Trade Unions (JCTU), in association with The All India Trade Union Congress (AITUC), Indian National Trade Union Congress (INTUC), Centre of Indian Trade Unions(CITU) and The All India United Trade Union Centre (AIUTUC) had organised a district-level Labour Conference at a private hotel in city on Saturday.

Addressing the gathering, AITUC Mysuru unit General Secretary H.R. Seshadri urged all workers to come together and participate in the upcoming nationwide protest to be held on Nov. 26 in city and make it a grand success.

Strongly condemning the anti-labour policies of the Government, Seshadri said, "Thousands of poor labourers are suffering due to lockdown imposed due to COVID-19 pandemic, but the Government is yet come to their aid. We had suggested the Government to pay Rs. 7,500 per month to the families who are outside the tax bracket. None of our demands were met. Central Government had announced a twenty thousand crore relief package, but we are still unaware of the beneficiaries of this relief package."

Speaking on the occasion, CITU District President Balaji said that the nationwide protest will be held on Nov. 26 for fulfilment of seven demands by the trade unions for the benefit of 85 percent of population.

Over 70 members from all over Mysuru district participated in the conference.

Former Mayor Purushotham, AITUC Convenor H.B. Ramakrishna, AITUC District Secretary Jayaram, AIUTUC District Secretary Chandrashekhar Meti and others were present at the conference.

MP promises to lead stir for re-opening of MySugar factory

Mandya, Nov. 9- With the nearly century old prestigious MySugar factory in Mandya having stopped crushing of sugarcane for years, Mandya MP Sumalatha Ambarish has promised to lead a stir in front of the Sugar Minister's residence at Bengaluru if measures were not taken for re-starting sugarcane crushing at the earliest.

Presiding over a meeting with sugarcane growers at the Deputy Commissioner's Office here on Saturday, Sumalatha said that the State Cabinet is expected to take up the issue of re-starting MySugar factory and the problems of sugarcane growers after the announcement of by-election results. Pointing out that Sugar Minister Shivaram Hebbar has already been warned of a stir in front of his Bengaluru residence if the sugarcane growers' problems were not addressed, the MP appealed the farmers not to get emotional over MySugar issue and re-assured her support for the stir.

DC Dr.M.V. Venkatesh said that following complaints from farmers that the canal that runs near Kanaganamaradi village was under threat due to stone mining, the stone crushing activities have been stopped temporarily and added that the Mines and Geology Department officials have been informed of the action. The next course of action on allowing stone mining will be taken after the Mining Department officials submit a report, he said.

Cane growers association office-bearers urged the Government to keep MYSugar under Government control and run the factory under Operations and Maintenance arrangement. Accusing the Government of issuing conflicting statements on the re-start of sugarcane crushing at the factory, they wanted the Government to stop lying and take decisions, keeping only the interests of the farming community in mind.

Joint Director of Agriculture Chandrashekar, Food and Civil Supplies Deputy Director Kumuda Sharath and farmer leaders attended the meeting.

Central University of Karnataka confers

Hon. Doctorate on Dr. S.L. Bhyrappa and Saalumarada Thimmakka

Mysuru, Nov.9- Kalaburagi-based Central University of Karnataka (CUK) honoured acclaimed Kannada Novelist and *Saraswathi Samman* awardee Dr. S.L. Bhyrappa with Honorary Doctorate at the veteran Novelist's residence in Kuvempunagar here yesterday.

CUK Vice-Chancellor Prof. H.M. Maheshwaraiah, Dean of Humanities Prof. Basavaraj Donur, Kannada Department Head Prof. Vikram Visaji, Classical Kannada Centre Head Prof. B. B. Pujari, the University's Assistant Registrar Azim Pasha and others visited the writer's residence and honoured him.

The Hon. Doctorate to Dr. Bhyrappa was announced at the recently concluded 5th Annual Convocation of CUK held in the University campus near Kalaburagi. But Dr. Bhyrappa could not attend the event, which was kept low-profile owing to the deadly COVID-19 pandemic.

Speaking after receiving the honour, Dr. Bhyrappa said that Western literature is not a role model for his novels. Pointing out that great Indian epics — Ramayana and Mahabharatha — are the models for his novels, he asserted that the roots of his literature are in Indian culture.

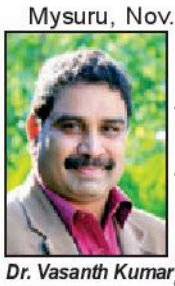
CUK Vice-Chancellor Prof. Maheshwaraiah, in his address, highlighted the achievements made by the University on the Academic and Research front.

On the occasion, Dr. Bhyrappa released *Belari, Betta Kuruba, Sanketi, Erava, Arebhashe* and *Pattegara* books brought out by the Centre for Studies in Endangered Languages; *'A Hand Book of Kannada Prosody'* authored by former KSOU Vice-Chancellor Prof. B.A.Viveka Rai and brought out by the Centre for Classical Studies in Kannada and Linguist Dr. Rajeshwari Maheshwaraiah's Kannada work titled *'Karnataka Collegina Pracharyaraagi.'*

Dr. G.L. Shekar of S.L. Bhyrappa Sahitya Pratishtana, Mysuru, was present.

CUK also conferred Honorary Doctorate to well-known Environmentalist Saalumarada Thimmakka on Saturday. VC Prof. Maheshwaraiah visited her residence at Nelamangala in Bengaluru and handed over the Honorary Doctorate to the 108-year-old. Speaking on the occasion, Thimmakka humbly stated that she is honoured to receive an Honorary Doctorate, which is usually given to recognise someone's significant contributions to a specific area such as great scientists, engineers, littérateurs and research scholars. She advised everyone to plant trees.

Suttur Seer releases two books by city-based Agri Scientist



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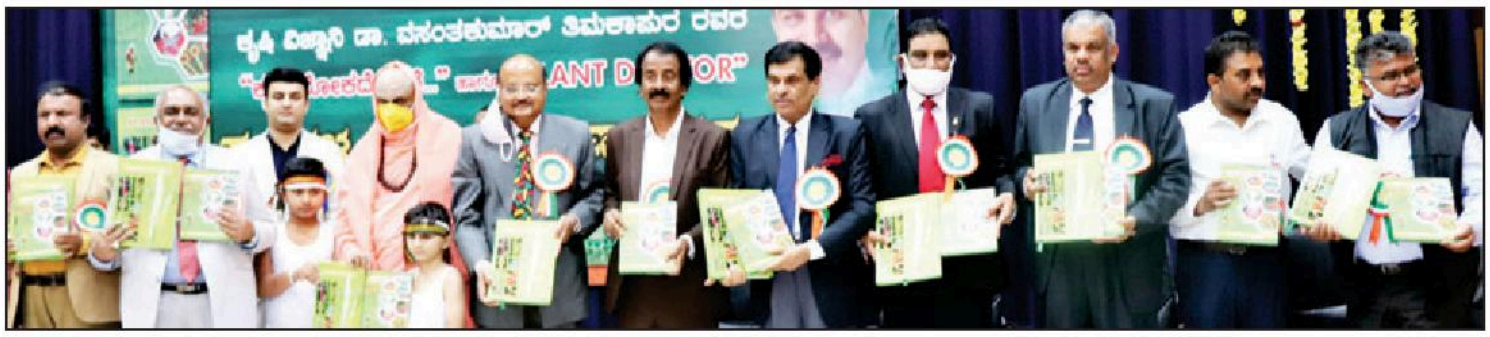
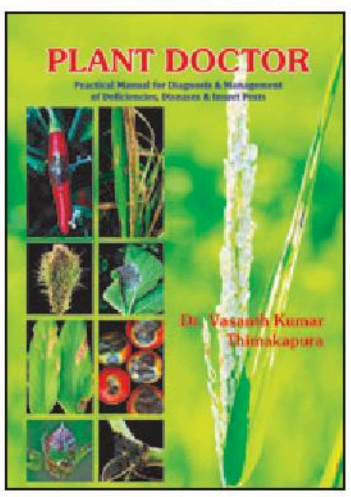


Mysuru, Nov. 9- Dr. Vasanth Kumar Thimakapura, Director - Technical, Green Lifescience Technologies, Mysuru, is a recognised agriculture scientist and a social entrepreneur with an immense commitment to the agriculture sector. To work for the betterment of farmers he quit the job as Assistant Professor at University of Mysore decades ago and it paid rich dividends in the later years.

Recently, two books authored by Dr. Thimakapura titled 'Plant Doctor' and 'Krushilokadolage' in English and Kannada respectively were released by Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji at a function held at Vijnana Bhavana, Manasagangothri.

'Plant Doctor' is a practical manual for diagnosis and management of deficiencies, diseases and insect pests. It's a photographic guide to identify problems and find solutions at a glance of the images.

'Krushilokadolage' is a compilation of consolidated works and writings of Thimakapura for over 35 years, that were published as cover stories in leading magazines of Kannada like *Sudha, Taranga,* etc. His articles and other contributions are reproduced in the form of the book.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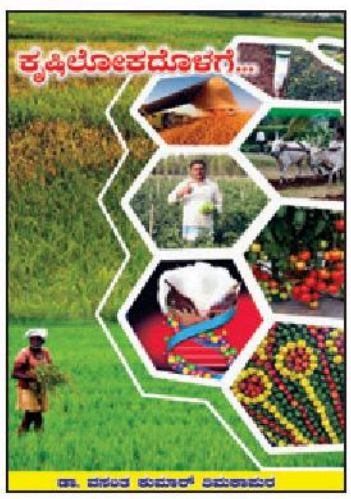


'Plant Doctor' is quite an impressive book. It is the first of its kind works in the country, based on photographic understanding and is so technically driven. Anyone without the ability to read can also understand the meaning it conveys at the cursory look of the pictures. It is aimed to help farmers identify and find solutions to crops that face threat of types in natural conditions. All the agri-experts have opined that this is a bible for all those involved in agricultural extension and teaching.

Coming from a family of farmers, Dr. Thimakapura has dedicated his life to understand and study the farming methods and its nitty gritty. His work on screening for diseases, 'Phyton - T' tonic used in tobacco cultivation and his commitment to social work is commendable. He has won multiple awards both internationally and nationally and still continues to work for the betterment of the farming sector.

The book release function was attended by former Deputy Director General of ICRISAT, Hyderabad, Dr. C. L. Lakshmipathi Gowda; Mysore University Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar; former VC Prof K.S. Rangappa; former MLA Vasu; former VC of Gulbarga University Prof S.R. Niranjan; Registrar of Mysore University Prof. R. Shivappa, Kannada Sahitya Parishat, Mysuru District Unit President Dr. Y.D. Rajanna and writer Gubbigoodu Ramesh.

WORD OF THE DAY

Sophomoric

Pronunciation: sahf-MOR-ik
Meaning: Conceited and overconfident of knowledge but poorly informed and immature; lacking in maturity, taste, or judgment.
Origin: Sophomores get a bad rap. A lot of people seem to think they're foolish (no matter what they do), when they themselves know they're pretty wise. The history of the words sophomore and sophomoric (which developed from sophomore) proves that it has always been tough to be a sophomore. Those words probably come from a combination of the Greek terms sophos (which means "wise") and mōros (which means "foolish"). But sophomores can take comfort in the fact that some very impressive words, including philosopher and sophisticated, are also related to sophos.
Example: Judd's behaviour at the party was sophomoric, but I've seen a more mature side to him in other settings...

THE ODD WORD

Saginate

To fatten animals

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Swinging for the fences

Meaning: Giving something your maximum effort; going all out.
Origin: This phrase originates from the sport of baseball. "Swinging for the fences" refers to a batter who's swinging at the ball. The batter is hoping to hit it (the ball) hard enough so that it goes flying past the fences on the edges of the outfield and straight into the audience. This would result in a home run for the batting team, as it would be impossible for the defensive team to catch or retrieve the ball. While this phrase was originally used in the context of baseball, it eventually started to be used outside of the sport when referring to someone who's giving their maximum effort at something. It looks like this happened sometime during the 20th century, because the earliest I could find this expression in print is in the first half of the 20th century. All the recordings I've seen for it use it in connection to baseball. For example, the Sandusky Star Journal newspaper, printed in 1923, reads: "Now the only thought of every batter is to swing his hardest. The home-run germ has even hit the pitches. No longer do the batters seek to outguess the opposition, trip up the infield, the one big thought is swing for the fences."

QUOTE BOX

Don't ever take a fence down until you know why it was put up.

—Robert Frost

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

Answer: A tall order.

SUDOKU

9				2		4	5	
	2	8						
								7
2	6		1		9			
	4			6			2	
			3		2		7	4
8								
						3	1	
	9	6		7				8

Answer to previous puzzle

2	3	1	6	7	4	5	9	8
5	8	7	9	2	3	6	1	4
6	9	4	8	1	5	3	7	2
9	7	3	4	8	2	1	5	6
4	2	5	3	6	1	7	8	9
8	1	6	7	5	9	4	2	3
3	6	8	5	9	7	2	4	1
1	5	9	2	4	6	8	3	7
7	4	2	1	3	8	9	6	5

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

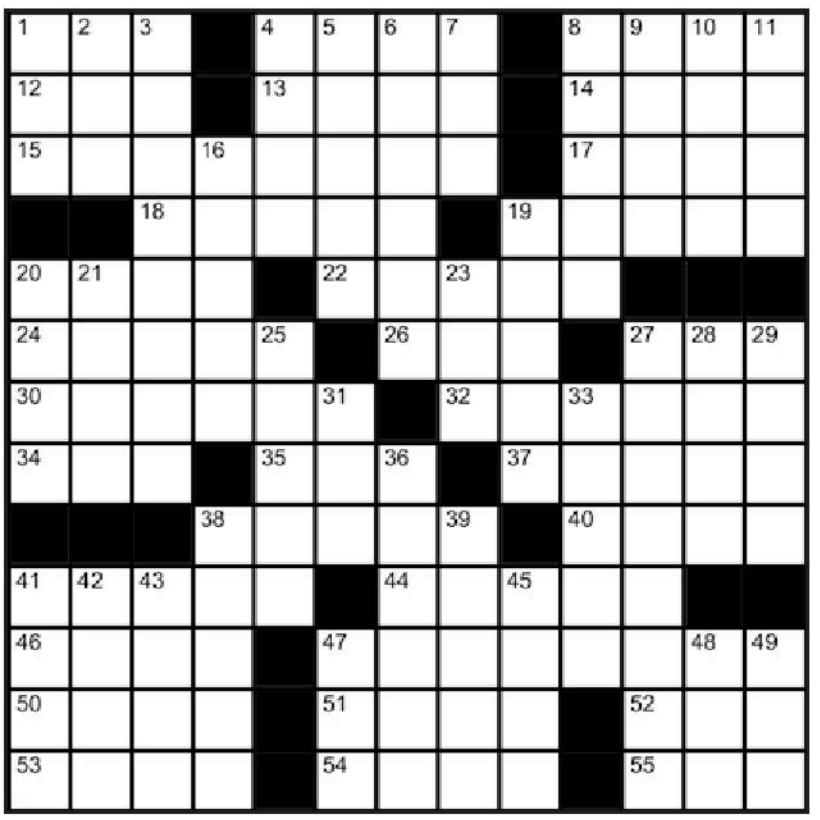
1 Tiny amount
4 Set a broken bone by applying plaster to it?
8 Nav. readings
12 What you might say when you make a discovery
13 Dull pain
14 A story or a narration
15 Pestered or troubled
17 Of like nature or related
18 Fungal disease
19 Homer work
20 Active one
22 Absolute, bleak
24 Concur
26 High Power Amplifier
27 CEO's deg.
30 Showy in appearance
32 Matches
34 Oxford dict.
35 Abundant salt water
37 __ __ form: in good nick (2,3)
38 Very recently
40 Crow sounds - "scaw" anagram?
41 Bitter compound
44 Holy book for the Jews
46 Beauty powder
47 Become involved (4,4)
50 ___ in: persuade to take part?
51 Famous architect
52 River, to Juanita
53 Belgian river
54 Small land mass
55 Bond creator Fleming

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

O	D	E	R	■	P	R	F	■	S	I	N	G
R	O	T	I	■	E	L	E	G	A	N	C	E
C	O	N	F	L	A	G	R	A	T	I	O	N
A	M	A	T	I	■	■	A	R	U	M	■	■
■	■	■	S	K	I	■	■	D	R	I	P	S
A	T	E	■	E	V	I	D	E	N	C	E	S
B	A	N	■	N	O	L	A	N	■	A	S	E
B	U	T	T	E	R	S	U	P	■	L	O	S
E	T	H	O	S	■	■	B	A	G	■	■	■
■	■	R	U	S	T	■	■	T	R	E	E	S
S	T	A	T	E	O	F	T	H	E	A	R	T
S	A	L	E	S	M	A	N	■	E	S	S	E
C	O	L	D	■	E	D	T	■	T	E	E	M

DOWN

1 Poke or push
2 Exclamation of surprise
3 Ragged
4 Port on the Orne - "cane" broken?
5 Big spread
6 Case for holding a sword or a gun
7 Ex-England skipper Dexter
8 Pursue stealthily
9 Japanese rice drink
10 ___ Kazan : famous Hollywood director?
11 To despatch
16 Takes on lease or on rent
19 That man from Baghdad
20 Pedestal part
21 Hideous giant
23 Large monkey
25 German industrial city
27 Femme fatale, spy (4,4)
28 Misfortune
29 Poisonous snakes
31 Coniferous tree
33 Take the top of the bottle
36 Rite structures
38 Less obnoxious
39 Bumpkin
41 Give it __ __ : have a go at it (1,3)
42 Cambodia's neighbour
43 Greek jug - "pole" broken?
45 Hotelier from TV serial 'Allo 'Allo?
47 Two as a prefix?
48 Narrow inlet, creek
49 Large weight



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

QUYR THYYQTT CLJW AHWT UL UOBXTTXCL

VXYMQV VC U BCFQ OXEEXYHJV DFCAJQB.

TODAY'S CLUE: T EQUALS S

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Mistakes, obviously, show us what needs improving. Without mistakes, how would we know what we had to work on?

Mysore Winter Races 2020-21 to commence from Nov. 11

Spectatorless racing to be live streamed on MRC website for free

MRC Chairman Dr. N. Nithyanand Rao** (centre) **flanked by MRC Committee Member B.N. Cariappa and Mysore Winter Races Secretary Dr. M.R. Jagannath at a press meet today.

Mysuru, Nov. 9 (RKB&BNR)- The noise of horses' hooves was silenced for almost eight months due to Corona-induced lockdown and aftermath. Now Mysore Race Club (MRC) Ltd. is all set to host Mysore Winter Races 2020-21 with six days of racing from Nov. 11 to Dec. 16.

This was announced by MRC Chairman Dr. N. Nithyanand Rao at a press meet at the MRC premises in city this morning in the presence of MRC Committee Members M.C. Mallikarjuna, B.N. Cariappa and H.K. Ramesh, Stewards Y.C. Udayashankar, T.D. Mahesh and B.U. Chengappa, Mysore Winter Races Secretary Dr. M.R. Jagannath and others.

Answering a query about losses incurred since pandemic crisis arose, the MRC Chairman said that they have incurred a huge loss during the period as racing was stopped in the beginning of March this year. The MRC has incurred direct loss of around three-and-a-half crore rupees apart from indirect loss, he added.

MRC's Online Betting Portal was launched on the occasion. With this, MRC boasts to be the first Racing Club to launch such facility. Committee Member B.N. Cariappa, speaking about the online facility, said that any Digital Wallets can be used in this portal for payment.

Details of Mysore Winter Races 2020-21 are as follows:

STAKES: A total stakes of Rs. 70,20,000 is advertised for Mysore Winter Races 2020-21.

RACING: About 400 horses are expected to participate during the season. The following trainers have been licenced by MRC to train during Mysore Winter Races 2020-21: M. Bobby, Bipin V. Salvi, S.M. Johnson, Dinesh Pujar, M. Eshwer, Ranjeet Shinde, C.D. Monnappa, Prashanth Pawar, Poorna Chandra Tejaswi, Md. Sajid Qureshi, C. Girinath, Rakesh, S. Santosh Rao, Pratap M. Kamath, G.T. Surender, G. Srinivas Babu, Vikram Appachu, Vishal Yadav and J. Sharavanan.

TOTALIZATOR POOLS: Ticket for Win, Place, Second Horse Pool, Third Horse Pool, Quinella, Forecast, Trinalla, Treble, Mini Jackpot and Jackpot Pools is Rs.10.

MRC becomes country's first Turf Club to launch online betting

With a motto 'Play Safe; Stay Safe' amid COVID pandemic, the MRC this morning launched the online betting Portal — *www.betmvsore.com and www.turfwinners.com* — for Mysore Winter Races.

With this, MRC became the first Turf Club in the country to launch online betting. Permission has also been given by Karnataka Government to Bangalore Turf Club (BTC) but it has not yet started online activity. Also, Hyderabad Race Club (HRC) and Royal Calcutta Turf Club (RCTC) have got permission from their respective Governments and they too are yet to launch the online facility.

MRC's web portal is user-friendly and is developed by NorthAlley, a software company, partner of MRC for this online portal. This online portal will help the racing public to place their bets from wherever they are. This webportal will be available on Android/i0S platform. Initially, only racing public of Karnataka will be allowed to use this portal. Users are required to register themselves in the portal to get started. Online software fulfils all the statutory compliance such as GST and TDS.

For details, public can call Mob: 96060-36015 or 96060-36016 or 96060-36017 or 96060-36018.

SALIENT FEATURES:

- > Spectatorless Racing
- > COVID-19 protocols strictly followed
- > Morning sales of tickets from 9 am till half-an-hour before the races commence
- > No trophy presentation
- > Rs. 70 lakh stake money offered for 6 days
- > Only 200 people allowed comprising professionals and officials
- > Races will be shown live on MRC website *[visit www.mysoreraces.com]* free to all
- > All necessary Government permissions have been obtained

FIXTURES

>	1st Day	:	Nov. 11
>	2nd Day	:	Nov.18
>	3rd Day	:	Nov. 25
>	4th Day	:	Dec. 2
>	5th Day	:	Dec.9
>	6th Day	:	Dec. 16

[NOTE: The above dates are subject to alteration]

It's Mumbai Vs Delhi in final

IPL 2020

Play-offs

Tomorrow's Match (NOV. 10) FINAL

MI Vs **DC**

Dubai Intl. Stadium
Dubai, **7.30 pm (IST)**

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Abu Dhabi, Nov. 9- Delhi Capitals (DC) defeated Sunrisers Hyderabad (SRH) by a margin of 17 runs in the Qualifier-2 of IPL 2020 at the Sheikh Zayed Stadium in Abu Dhabi.

The Delhi-based franchise posted a total of 189 runs for the loss of three wickets, after skipper Shreyas Iyer won the toss and opted to bat. Shikhar Dhawan was the highest run-scorer, smashing 78 runs off 50 deliveries in an innings comprising of six boundaries and two sixes. Dhawan received support from all-rounder Marcus Stoinis who scored a 27-ball 38, at the top of the order to ensure a strong start. Shimron Hetmyer delivered a fine finish in the death overs, with a 22-ball 42. Sandeep Sharma, Jason Holder and Rashid Khan accounted for a dismissal apiece.

The chase began on a strong note, with Priyam Garg smashing Ravichandran Ashwin for a six off the third delivery of the innings. However, cheap dismissals for David Warner, Manish Pandey followed by the departure of Garg himself threw the innings into a state of chaos. Kane Williamson stepped up at this stage, stitching partnerships alongside Jason Holder and Abdul Samad. However, Williamson's dismissal following a fine half-century helped DC make a comeback, which they took full advantage of in an admirable manner by picking regular wickets.

BRIEF SCORES

DC: 189/3 (Shikhar Dhawan 78, Shimron Hetmyer 42*; Rashid Khan 1/26) beat **SRH:** 172/8 (Kane Williamson 67, Abdul Samad 33; Kagiso Rabada 4/29) by 17 runs.

WOMEN'S T20 CHALLENGE

Today's Match (NOV. 9) FINAL

Trailblazers Vs **Supernovas**

Sharjah Cricket Stadium,
Sharjah, **7.30 pm (IST)**

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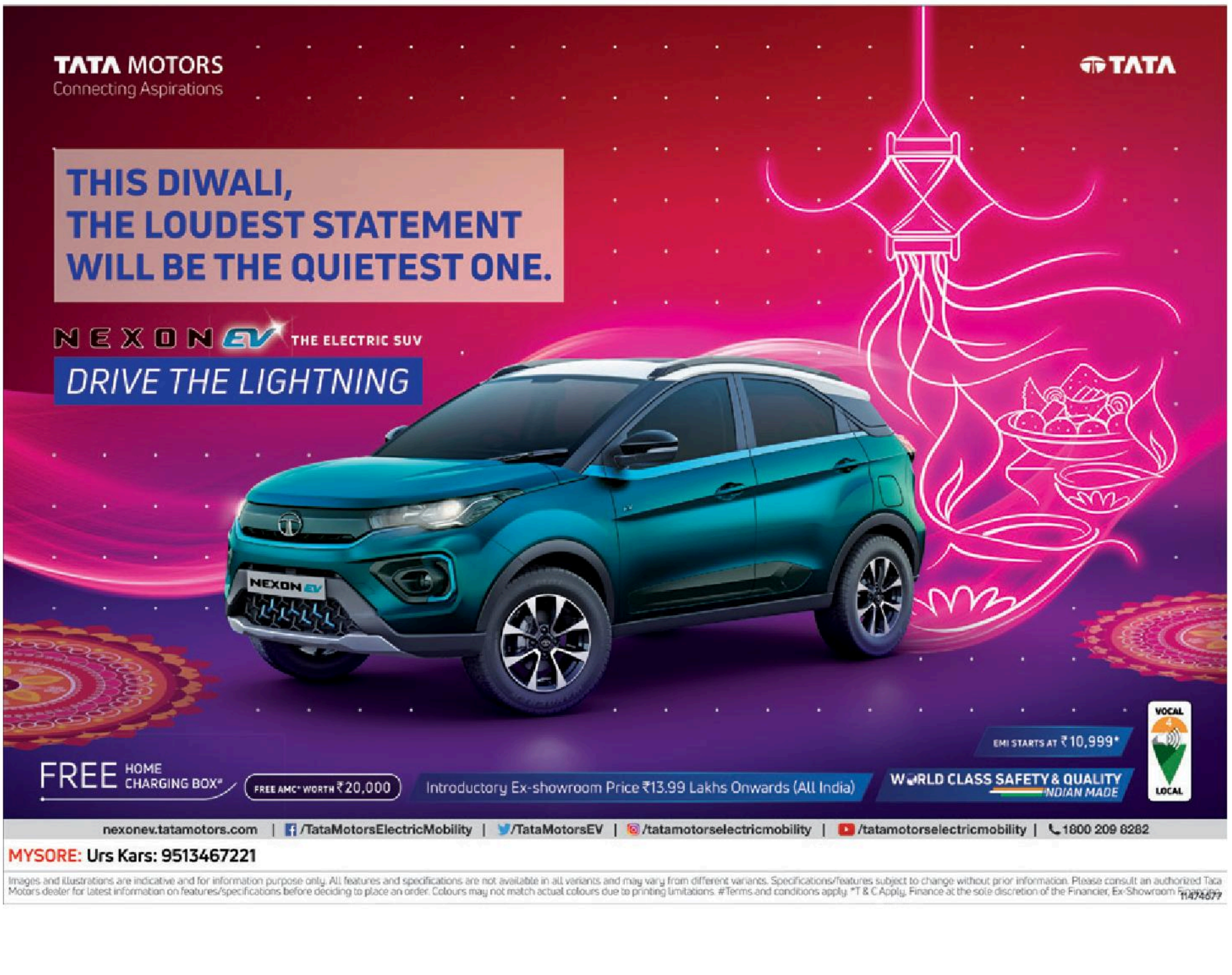

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